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SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Esq., of London, was elected a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated a letter from Rev. John Hutchinson, of Great Britain, respecting an additional volume of Hutchinson's History. Referred to the Committee who now have this subject under consideration.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1824.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 29, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Clap, Davis, Freeman, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Harris, Pierce, and Savage.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. HOLMES was requested to take minutes of the proceedings.

List of donations was communicated.

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of my humble efforts to serve the country that gave me birth, trusting the Society will make due allowance for the numberless defects incident to a profession little calculated by taste and study to add to the literary and civil history of our country.

"At all events, the few years that are left me shall be passed in endeavoring to contribute all in my power to the prosperity of the town of Boston and State of Massachusetts.

"With many thanks for the obliging manner you have been pleased to make known to me the honor conferred on me, I remain, Sir, your obliged humble servant, ISAAC COFFIN, Admiral.

"ABIEL HOLMES, Esq., &c."

The Mr. Sabbatier referred to was a connection of the Hutchinson family, and some of the correspondence relating to the third volume of the History, in manuscript, so frequently mentioned in the records, was conducted by him. — EDS.

Voted, That the present Librarian and the past be requested to furnish a schedule of the volumes of the Collections on hand, and report at the next meeting.

NATHAN HALE, Esq., was chosen a member of the Standing Committee, in the place of Mr. Tudor, absent from the country.*

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Peter S. Du Ponceau, Esq., giving information respecting foreign societies.

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* At the close of the year 1823, Mr. Tudor received the appointment of Consul for the United States at Lima, the duties of which he discharged till his transfer to the Atlantic coast, in 1828, as Chargé d'Affaires at Rio Janeiro. He died suddenly at Rio, March 9, 1830. During his residence at Lima he wrote the following letters to the Corresponding Secretary: —

"LIMA, May 17th, 1825.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR, — Wishing to contribute some mite, during my absence in this distant part of our continent, to the aid of the Historical Society, I have sought for books which I thought might furnish an acceptable addition to the Library. Hitherto I have only found the three grammars and vocabularies of Indian languages: the Quichua language is that of the Indians of the Pacific Coast of Peru; the Moxo dialect is that of the natives on the upper branches of the eastern waters of the Cordilleras; and the third is a dialect of the Indians of Chili.

"Please to receive and to offer to the gentlemen of the Society my respectful salutations. I hope at no distant period I may again enjoy the satisfaction of assisting personally in their valuable labors.

"I am, Rev. and dear Sir, respectfully yours, W. TUDOR.

"Rev. Dr. HOLMES, Corresponding Secretary of the
Massachusetts Historical Society."

"LIMA, Dec. 15th, 1826.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR, — The new Constitution, framed by General Bolivar, has recently been sworn to, in this capital, on which occasion three days' festival took place, and a number of medals were distributed. I enclose one of these for the Cabinet of the Historical Society, as commemorating an event of 'more or less' importance in the history of South America. I hope a medal and some books I sent for the Society on a former occasion may have arrived safe. I salute the Society and yourself with all cordiality and respect, and remain your obedient servant, W. TUDOR.

"Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D." EDS.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to open a correspondence with the Royal Society of Antiquaries in France, and with the Royal Society of Antiquaries in London, and to present each of those societies with a copy of the Collections.*

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to deliver the volumes of the Society's Collections wanting in the series presented to the Legislature, as mentioned in a communication from Mr. Secretary Bradford.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to procure tables of contents to the volumes of the Trumbull manuscripts, to be made by members of the Society.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized and requested to offer for sale the bound copies (not exceeding one half) of Hubbard's History on hand, at three dollars a volume.

Dissolved.

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* The following letter was addressed to the Society of Antiquaries of London by Dr. Holmes, the Corresponding Secretary. The prefix of "Royal" to the name of the Society is not authorized: —

"CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS,
14th August, 1824.

"To the Secretary of the Royal Society of
Antiquaries of London.

"SIR, — I am instructed by the Massachusetts Historical Society to open a correspondence with the Society of which you are Secretary, and to present to it a copy of our Collections. It is with great pleasure that I comply with the instruction, and would respectfully solicit the honor of a correspondence. The New World has few objects of literary, and especially of antiquarian, research, compared with the Old; but the time and origin of its primitive settlement, the character of its aboriginal inhabitants, the relics and memorials of its ancient population, and the rise and progress of its colonial establishments, are worthy the inquiry of the historian and the antiquary.

"The republic of letters is one and indivisible; and it will be very grateful to the junior members of it, on this side of the Atlantic, to have communications with their seniors on the other.

"The Circular Letter which I enclose will show you what the objects of the Historical Society are; and its Collections, which I also send to you, will show what it has accomplished.

"Do me the honor to accept a copy of "American Annals" for the Library of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, and believe me to be, very respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant,

ABIEL HOLMES,
Secretary of Massachusetts Historical Society."

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ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1824.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 29, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Coolidge, Davis, Freeman, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Mitchell, J. Pickering, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, and Ware.

The officers of the past year were rechosen.

The Librarian stated that the Committee appointed to furnish a schedule of the volumes of the Collections on hand, and report at this meeting, had not been able to complete that service.

Mr. MITCHELL and Mr. HALE were appointed the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That Mr. Secretary Bradford be requested to prepare a memoir of our late esteemed associate, Gamaliel Bradford, Esq.*

Samuel P. Gardner, Esq., was nominated a Resident Member by the Standing Committee.

Voted, That Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Savage be a committee to apply to the Legislature for assistance in publishing the second volume of Winthrop's Journal, and the republication of the first volume.†

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* Mr. Bradford died on the 7th March, 1824. Mr. Alden Bradford's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, I. 202–209. — EDS.

† What the Society wished to do, and what was finally accomplished, was to reprint that part of Winthrop's Journal which had been printed in Hartford, in 1790, and also to print at the same time the part recently found in the Prince Library, which never had been printed, making together, as published, two volumes. The work was edited by Mr. Savage, with elaborate notes, and the copyright was taken out in his name as proprietor. The first volume was published in 1825, and the second in 1826.

Winthrop's original manuscript was in three parts or volumes. The Hartford publication embraced the first two volumes, the editor not being then aware of the existence of the third part. — EDS.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz.: —

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, have duly proceeded therein, and find the same well kept, correctly cast, and properly vouched, and report that the balance remaining in his hands this day is forty-seven dollars and twenty-four cents.

(Signed) NAHUM MITCHELL.
NATHAN HALE.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to apply to the Legislature for aid in publishing Winthrop's Journal be requested to offer the thanks of the Society for the donation from the Legislature of sixteen volumes of State Papers.

Voted, That the Librarian and Mr. Hale be a committee to make a selection from the maps in the possession of the Society, and procure them to be bound.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 24, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Freeman, Gray, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Nichols, Du Ponceau, Ripley, Saltonstall, and Winthrop.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

SAMUEL P. GARDNER, Esq., was chosen a Resident Member.

Hon. Rufus King was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Freeman.

The thanks of the Society were given to Mr. Du

Ponceau for a donation of his work on the Jurisdiction of the Courts of the United States.

Julius de Wallenstein, Secretary of the Russian Embassy, and Marquis Barbé Marbois, of Paris, were nominated Corresponding Members.

General Lafayette was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Holmes.

The Committee appointed to apply to the Legislature for assistance in publishing the second volume of Winthrop's Journal, made the following report: —

That they made the application required of them at the last session of the Legislature, and that the General Court agreed by a resolve to purchase three hundred and fifty copies of the work, at two dollars per volume, and to furnish an engraving of the portrait of Governor Winthrop, to be prefixed to the first volume; provided the first volume be delivered within one year, and the second volume within two years, from the date of the resolve.

THOMAS L. WINTHROP, *Chairman.*

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 28, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Freeman, Gardner, Gray, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Ripley, Savage, Webster,* and Winthrop.

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* The Hon. Daniel Webster was elected a Resident Member in 1821. He does not appear, up to this time certainly, to have attended a meeting, and where the name "Webster" occurs in the records here, without an initial, Mr. Redford Webster must be supposed to be intended. He was an officer of

Mr. GRAY was appointed to prepare a memoir of William J. Spooner, Esq., for the next volume of the Collections.*

Mr. BOWDOIN and Mr. MERRILL were chosen a Committee to collect ballots.

Hon. RUFUS KING, JULIUS DE WALLENSTEIN, BARBÉ MARBOIS, and De LAFAYETTE were elected Corresponding Members.†

The President, Mr. GRAY, and Mr. MERRILL were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of devising some plan for causing proper indexes to be made of the ancient records of the towns and churches in this Commonwealth, and for rendering the information contained in them more easily accessible.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Messrs. Sargent & Murdock fifty dollars toward defraying the expense of slating the roof.

Voted, That Ephraim Eliot, Esq., a member of the Society, be

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the Society; and, though not a constant attendant, he was a frequent attendant on the meetings, and took an active interest in the Society's affairs. — EDS.

* William J. Spooner, chosen a member in April, 1822, died Oct. 17, 1824. A memoir is in 3 Collections, I. 265–271. — EDS.

† The following is the letter of acceptance written by Lafayette on receiving notice of his election: —

"RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, Jan. 26th, 1825.

"SIR, — The honor bestowed upon me by the Massachusetts Historical Society, highly gratifying on every account to my feelings, claims my respectful and affectionate acknowledgments. I beg you will be pleased to accept and transmit the expression of these sentiments, which I eagerly anticipate the pleasure to offer myself at the momentous anniversary epocha of June which has so great a part in the historical annals of Massachusetts and the United States. Happy will I be, Sir, if it is in my power to prove an useful correspondent to the Society.

"I have the honor to be, with high regard and sincere attachment, your obedient servant, LAFAYETTE.

"The Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.,
Franklin Place, Boston."

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authorized to take from the Library Douglass's "History of a new Miliary Fever," and Fitch's "Narrative of the Throat Distemper, as it appeared in New Hampshire in 1735," for the use of the New Hampshire Medical Society, he being responsible for the same.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1825.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 27, 1825, — the members present were, the President, Bowdoin, Clap, Freeman, Gardner, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Pierce, Ripley, and Savage.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

SAMUEL P. GARDNER and NATHAN HALE, Esqs., were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

A communication from Thomas Perkins, Esq., on behalf and by direction of the Directors of the United States Bank, relating to the curiosities, coins, and documents deposited under the foundation of the Branch Bank, was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

Voted, That it be always the duty of the Standing Committee to have a nomination of not less than three recorded by the Secretary, out of whom elections of members shall be made; and, in making elections, the order of nomination shall be followed, unless the contrary be voted by the Society.†

Dr. Gamaliel Bradford, Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood,

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* Published in 3 Collections, I. 271–278. — EDS.

† This vote was repealed at the next August meeting. — EDS.